

STATE OF ILLINOIS	}	REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN	} SS.	April 1, 2024
VILLAGE OF STONINGTON	}	

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Monday, April 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Dowdy with the following Members present:

Trustees: Tara Ramsey, Tammy Wilson, Andrew Callan, Jeff Graham, Caleb Grover (Absent), and Scott Kuntzman
 Clerk: Jill Gilpin
 Treasurer: Debbie Niles
 Superintendent: Jake Heberling (Absent)
 Village Engineer: Mark Bingham (Absent)
 Village Attorney: Scott Garwood (Absent)
 Chief of Police: Travis Peden
 Officer Manager: Kari Scott
 Zoning Officer: John LeVault

Others in attendance: David Blakeman, Village resident (Via GoToMeeting); Phil Deal, Village Police Officer; Jason Bleisner, Beer Vault Saloon, LLC; Summerfest Committee, Jodi Rusher and Jenny Prasun.

Minutes from March 4, 2024, regular meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion by Callan, second by Wilson, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Minutes from March 12, 2024, committee meeting was presented to the Board for their approval. Motion by Graham, second by Kuntzman, that the minutes be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented for the month of March to the Board for their approval. Motion by Wilson, second by Graham, that the Treasurer’s Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Gas Report was presented for the month of March to the Board for their approval. Motion by Callan, second by Ramsey, that the Gas Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Water Report was presented for the month of March to the Board for their approval. Motion by Callan, second by Graham, that the Water Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Sewer Report was presented for the month of March to the Board for their approval. Motion by Kuntzman, second by Wilson, that the Sewer Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

The Police Report was presented for the month of March to the Board for their approval. Motion by Graham, second by Ramsey, that the Police Report be approved and filed as presented. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Bills against the Village were presented for the approval of the Board. Motion by Wilson, second by Ramsey, to approve and issue warrants for all bills. Motion passed by all “Yea” votes.

Zoning Officer’s Report: There were no zoning permits issued in the month of March.

President’s Report:

President Dowdy requested a motion to appoint Pulley, Martynowski & Blakeman as the Village Auditor. Motion by Callan, and second by Wilson, to rehire Pulley, Martynowski & Blakeman as the Village Auditor. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy requested motion to approve the proposed changes made at the March 12, 2024, Committee meeting to the Employee Policy, Professional Licenses 2.18 c). Motion by Kuntzman, and second by Wilson, to approve the changes to Employee Policy, Professional Licenses 2.18 c). Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy requested motion to approve the proposed changes made at the March 12, 2024, Committee meeting to the Employee Policy, Benefits, 5.01 Insurance Benefits, Retirement Plan and other Employee Benefits. Motion by Wilson, and second by Kuntzman, to approve the changes to Employee Policy, Benefits, 5.01 Insurance Benefits, Retirement Plan and other Employee Benefits. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to grant the liquor license application to Beer Vault Saloon, LLC. Motion by Wilson, second by Ramsey, to grant the liquor license application to Beer Vault Saloon, LLC. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion on TIF Application for Beer Vault Saloon, LLC. Motion by Wilson, second by Kuntzman, to approve the TIF Application of 75% of the TIF eligible funding reimbursement for eligible costs in the amount of \$107,700.00. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Discussion on TIF Application for Mulvaney’s Pub LLC. Motion by Graham, second by Callan, to approve the TIF Application of 75% of the TIF eligible funding reimbursement for eligible costs in the amount of \$8,092.00. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy stated the new outside employee will start tomorrow, Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

President Dowdy discussed the repairs needed for the older police squad car. After much discussion, President Dowdy entertained a motion for the purchase from Bob Ridings a Ford F150 Super Crew up to the amount of \$50,138.00. Motion by Graham, second by Wilson, to purchase from Bob Ridings a Ford F150 Super Crew up to \$50,138.00. Motion passed with a roll call vote that went as follows: Wilson "Yea"; Graham "Yea"; Ramsey "Yea"; Callan "Yea"; and Kuntzman "Yea". Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy discussed trading in the current John Deere lawnmower to Sloan Implement for a John Deere zero turn. After much discussion, President Dowdy entertained a motion to trade in the current John Deere lawnmower to Sloan Implement for a John Deere zero turn in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion made by Callan, second by Ramsey, to approve trading in the current John Deere lawnmower to Sloan Implement for a John Deere zero turn in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The Village received a Chicken application from Scott Kuntzman and a Chicken application from Bryan Kuntzman. President Dowdy asked for a motion to approve both Chicken Applications. Motion by Wilson, second by Graham, to approve both Chicken applications. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote, with Scott Kuntzman abstaining.

The Village received three applications to be considered and allowed to gather garbage in the Village of Stonington. The applications received were from Cleeton's Sanitation Service, Tovey; Carey's Disposal, Mt. Auburn; and Area Disposal Service Inc., a GFL Environmental Company. Motion by Callan, second by Wilson, to allow Cleeton's Sanitation Service, Carey's Disposal, and Area Disposal Service Inc. a GFL Environmental Company to gather garbage in the Village of Stonington. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

President Dowdy welcomed Jodi Rusher and Jenny Prasun to the table as co-chairs of the Stonington Summerfest. Jodi did not bring their budget but stated they had a slight loss last year. This year the "Sweet Summertime" Summerfest will be held June 21, 22, and 23, 2024. She requested the Village's assistance with setting up and tearing down and for street closures to be Lake Street from Wabash to Orth Street, North Street from the railroad tracks to Church Street, and Walnut Street from 3rd Street to North Street. Jenny Prasun stated they have contacted Carey's Disposal, and they will be providing the dumpster and 20 totes along with liners for the Summerfest.

On behalf of the Summerfest Committee, she asked for a donation from the Village towards firework expenses.

President Dowdy asked for a motion to donate \$2,000.00 towards the Summerfest fireworks to come out of the General Fund. Motion made by Callan, second by Wilson,

to donate \$2,000.00 towards the Summerfest fireworks to come out of the General Fund. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Police Officer Phil Deal stated that his business, Deal Tree Service will donate \$100.00 towards Summerfest fireworks and Jason Bleisner stated he would donate \$150.00 towards Summerfest fireworks.

Village Engineer Report: Nothing to report.

Village Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: Nothing to report.

WATER – The Water Report for February 1 – February 29, 2024, billing period was presented.

GAS – The Gas Report for February 1 – February 29, 2024, billing period was presented.

SEWER – The Sewer Report for February 1 – February 29, 2024, billing period was presented.

Committee Reports: STREETS & ALLEYS – Nothing to report.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report.

FINANCE – Nothing to report.

WATER – Nothing to report.

SEWER – Nothing to report.

GAS – Trustee Callan inquired about the Melton residence on Pine Street. President Dowdy stated the mortgage company has filed and relinquished all liability to the house and he has forwarded that information on to Attorney Scott Garwood.

Police Officer Phil Deal stated that Charles DeFoor approached him with concerns about the trees falling over in a ditch near Tim Klay's home.

A Finance Committee Meeting has been set for Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employee payroll.

President Dowdy set the date and time for the May Regular Meeting as May 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

With no further business coming before the Board, a motion was made by Wilson, second by Ramsey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed by all "Yea" votes.

APPROVED:

Bruce Dowdy, Village President

ATTEST:

Jill Gilpin, Village Clerk